

1 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
2 **MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE**
3 **BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

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5 **MINUTES**
6 **GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**
7 **By**
8 **TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**

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10 **May 16, 2013**
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13 Agenda items are subject to being taken up at anytime during the meeting. Participants in this
14 public meeting should be aware that these proceedings are being recorded and that an audio file
15 of the meeting will be posted to the board's website.
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17 **CALL TO ORDER:**

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19 **General Board Business started: 12:32 p.m.**
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21 Dr. Timothy Underhill, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. Those present for all
22 or part of the meeting included the following:
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24 **BOARD MEMBERS:**

25 Timothy Underhill, O.D., Chair
26 Terrance Naberhaus, O.D., Vice-Chair
27 Tamara Maule, O.D.
28 Stuart Kaplan, O.D.
29 Christopher King, O.D.
30 Rosa McNaughton, Esq.
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32 **BOARD MEMBER NOT PRESENT:**

33 Rod Presnell, R.Ph. (excused)
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35 **BOARD STAFF:**

36 Bill Miller, Executive Director
37 Sharon Guilford, Program Operations Administrator
38 Jose Montalvan, Regulatory/Consultant Supervisor
39 Kenneth Smith, Regulatory Specialist II
40 Samantha Thompson, Regulatory Specialist II
41 Savada Knight, Regulatory Specialist II
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43 **BOARD COUNSEL:**

44 Lawrence Harris, Assistant Attorney General
45 Office of Attorney General
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47 **General Board Business ended: 12:33 p.m.**

48 **Applications started: 12:34 p.m.**
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50 **APPROVAL FOR CANDIDATES TO SIT FOR THE 2013 OPTOMETRY**

1 **EXAMINATION:**

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3 Ricardo G. Lebron; John W. Erickson; Haleh Ebrahimi; Michael H. Vuong; Maria R.
4 Decaria; Alicia P. Crooks; Naomi J. Aguilera; Elise Kramer; Jennifer Morgan and
5 Jonathan P. Cobb
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7 **Dr. Maule moved to approve the certification of candidates for the 2013 Optometry**
8 **Examination as presented. The motion was seconded and carried 6/0.**
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10 **PETITION FOR VARIANCE/WAIVER – Michael J. Giese, O.D., Ph.D., FA.A.O. –**
11 **Rule 64B13-4.001, F.A.C.**
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13 Dr. Giese was present and addressed the board.
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15 Dr. Underhill provided an overview of the Petition for Variance/Waiver of Rule 64B13-
16 4.001, F.A.C., submitted by Dr. Giese.
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18 Discussion ensued.
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20 **Dr. Naberhaus moved to deny Dr. Giese’s Petition for Variance/Waiver of Rule**
21 **64B13-4.001, F.A.C., for failure to provide any unique or unforeseen circumstances.**
22 **The motion was seconded and carried 6/0.**
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24 The board requested Mr. Harris to provide the members with a copy of Chapter 120.542,
25 F.S. and Rule 28-104, F.A.C.
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27 **DISCUSSION OF WHETHER THE BOARD ACCEPTS APPLICANTS THAT**
28 **HAVE GRADUATED FROM A COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY THAT HAS**
29 **“PRELIMINARY” STATUS**
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31 Mr. Miller stated that school’s preliminary status appeared to indicate the college had
32 applied for accreditation. Therefore, preliminary does not mean that they are accredited
33 by the Accreditation Council on Optometry.
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35 Dr. Underhill stated that he believed the school will be required to have their first
36 graduating class to achieve accreditation or accreditation with provisions and meet the
37 following requirements:
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39 64B13-4.004 Manner of Application.

40 (1) Any person desiring to be a licensed practitioner shall apply to the department to
41 take the licensure examination. The board will determine if an applicant qualifies for
42 examination. The board will approve each applicant who:

43 (a) Completes the application forms as required in subsection (2) below and remits
44 the required fees to the department.

45 (b) Submits satisfactory proof that the applicant:

46 1. Is at least 18 years of age.

47 2. Is of good moral character.

1 3. Has graduated from a school or college of optometry approved by the board which
2 has been accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) and
3 which remains accredited by ACOE. Provisional status accreditation shall meet the
4 requirements of accreditation as used in this rule.

5 4. Has successfully completed at least 110 hours of transcript-quality course-work
6 and clinical training in general and ocular pharmacology at an institution that:

7 a. Has facilities for both didactic and clinical instruction in pharmacology; and

8 b. Is accredited by a regional or professional accrediting organization that is
9 recognized and approved by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation or the United
10 States Department of Education.

11 5. Has completed at least 1 year of supervised experience in differential diagnosis of
12 eye disease or disorders as part of the optometric training or in a clinical setting.

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14 Further discussion ensued.

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16 **Dr. Naberhaus moved to conditionally approve the applicants upon the outcome of**
17 **the school becoming accredited. The motion was seconded and carried 6/0.**

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19 **Applications ended: 12:51 p.m.**

20 **General Board Business started: 12:52 p.m.**

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22 **NEXT MEETING DATE – June 13th – TCC**

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24 Information only.

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26 **General Board Business ended: 12:52 p.m.**

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28 **ADJOURNMENT:**

29 The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.